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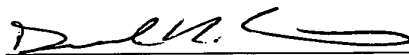
By the above amendments, claims 1-6 are pending, with claims 5-6 added. No new matter is introduced (see, e.g., FIGs. 1-4, and discussion in Applicants' Specification thereof).

The present case is a divisional of the parent case, serial number 09/548,744, now allowed. Independent claims 1, 3 and 5, and claims dependent therefrom, are directed to device, computer medium, and protocol claims that are believed to be in condition for allowance over the references applied in the parent case, as these claims recite the novel subject matter from the allowed method claims in the parent case.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance over the references applied in the parent case. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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